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TWO DOLLARS A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
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OPELOUSAS:
SATURDAY, JAN. 17, 1903

Railroad and Postoffice Time Table.
Mail going East—Train No. 78, due at 12:00 p. m. Mail closes at 11:30 a. m.
Mail going West—Train No. 79, leaves here at 2:30 p. m. Mail closes at 2:15 p. m.

See Fred L. Sandoz for rice—all grades and at lowest prices.

Money to loan on good security.
P. Mistrac, Leonville, La.

Matinee at the Opera House this afternoon at 2:30. Prices 15 and 25 cents.

J. Morgan Sandoz, on account of illness, is at home for a few days.

Drummond's Plumbing Shop—estimates on laying water pipes and repairs. Work done promptly.

Call up Phone No. 70 when you want the Opera House Drugstore. Prescriptions a specialty.

Mrs. J. K. Sandoz and bright little daughter Alma are in New Orleans since Wednesday.

See notice of annual meeting and election of officers of the Opelousas Board of Trade in another column.

Get your rice from Fred L. Sandoz. He has just received a carload and his prices are remarkably cheap.

"Mr. Plaster of Paris" at Sandoz Opera House tomorrow night will be the hit of the season. Don't miss it.

Misses Helen Cain and Josie Ogden were the welcome guests of Miss Nina Sandoz on Saturday and Sunday.

Just received, a car load of choice head rice and other grades at bottom prices, at Fred L. Sandoz's.

Wireless telegraphy may be an experiment, but Hamilton-Brown shoes are not. They have stood the test for years. F. L. Sandoz.

Don't forget that at 10 o'clock today the contents of the store of Mike Riseman, under the COURIER office, will be sold at public auction. See advertisement.

Oh yes you can find just the shoe you want. Old gens wide shoes, old ladies' soft shoes. In fact, almost all styles of shoes, at F. L. Sandoz.

"Mr. Plaster of Paris," pronounced by the dramatic critics of the country to be one of the funniest farces ever written, will be seen at Sandoz Opera House tomorrow night, Jan. 18th.

The preparations on foot for the grand Mardi Gras celebration in Opelousas on Feb. 24th indicate that everything in that line heretofore attempted in this parish will be totally eclipsed on that occasion. More anon.

Died—At his parents' residence in Opelousas, Thursday evening, Jan. 15, 1903, at 6 o'clock, Oscar Kossuth Sandoz, son of Jacques B. and Rosa Sandoz, aged 20 years and 14 days. The COURIER extends its condolence in this hour of the family's sorrow.

The advertisement under head of Road Tax Ordinance, in another column, interests every owner of a vehicle in this parish, and a careful perusal of this ordinance may save trouble and expense, as the sheriff announces that he will strictly enforce the law. Read it and govern yourself accordingly.

"Mr. Plaster of Paris," as presented by Mr. E. J. Carpenter's company of comedians, who number among their ranks some of the best exponents of farce comedy in the country, will be presented at Sandoz Opera House to-morrow night, Sunday, Jan. 18th. "Mr. Plaster of Paris" is pronounced to be one of the hits of the season.

We learn that a company is being organized to raise funds to put down a well in search of oil here. The promoters mean business, and as soon as the necessary amount is subscribed to pay the expenses of drilling a well the money will be collected and work commenced immediately. We have every indication that there is oil here, but we will never find it without drilling. We wish the new company success.

Honoring Her Heroes.

We find the following interesting item in a late issue of the Baton Rouge Truth, a paper whose gallant editor served with distinction in the great civil war, and who is doing his full share in educating the rising generation up to a knowledge and a proper appreciation of the heroism and patriotism of their sires in the days of that Titanic struggle:

A monument to the Confederate dead of West Feliciana has been erected and will be unveiled next spring. The monument is made of the best of gray granite and stands on a foundation five feet high, which gives it an extreme height of 24 feet. This is surrounded by a brick wall fifteen feet square and three feet high, covered with stone coping, enclosing an incense-burned mound of earth. On each side of the base is inscribed the names of the four companies that this parish equipped for the Confederacy.

To Co. 1st La. Cavalry, Co. D, 4th La. Infantry, Co. F, 3d La. Cavalry, Co. L, 11th Infantry. This die is polished on the four sides on the front is the Confederate battle flag and under it the inscription:

IN MEMORY OF WEST FELICIANA'S CONFEDERATE DEAD WHO FELL AT REST

Just such a monument, with just such an inscription, ought to be erected in Opelousas. Its cost would be trifling, while the lesson it would inculcate in the minds of the people, reminding them, as it would, of the heroic sacrifices made by the men of 1861-65 under the patriotic promptings of a sense of duty to their native land, would be of inestimable value to the community, exerting an influence in behalf of good citizenship that would be worth infinitely more than untold millions. St. Landry sent to the front in those heroic days more men than any other parish in the State, except Orleans, and the bones of many of her most gallant sons lie in far distant States, where they fell in the performance of duty—duty, that sublimest word in the English language, of which they had so true a conception. Let us then testify, in this feeble but permanent way, to our admiration of them and their deeds, and at the same time teach the rising generations that patriotism and love of country are qualities esteemed, honored and admired the world over.

In the meantime, we raise our hat to noble little West Feliciana, and to the patriotic and enlightened men who, in erecting this simple shaft, possibly "built wiser than they knew."

The Crescent Stock Company opened a three night's engagement at the Opera House Thursday evening with the beautiful comedy-drama, "The Noble Outcast." The appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed the excellent work of the company, especially that of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Catterlin. "The Embassy Ball" was the presentation last night. This afternoon a ladies' and children's matinee will be given at 2:30. "Mixed Pickles" will be the offering. Prices will be 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults. The bill will be very funny, and will no doubt attract a large audience, especially of the little folks. Tonight the old, but famous and popular drama, "East Lynne," will be the production, by special request. Mrs. Cotterlin, who is an extremely attractive little woman, starred in this production several years ago, and was pronounced by the press the greatest impersonator of the role in years. Tickets now on sale.

Last week we inadvertently failed to call attention to the report of the People's State Bank of Opelousas, which was published in that issue of the COURIER. The favorable showing made by the People's Bank deserves a favorable notice, and we take pleasure in calling attention to the evidences of progress and prosperity shown by this report. Under the management of its able officers and board of directors this bank has always pursued a safe and conservative policy, and has naturally grown in public favor—a fact which should be as gratifying to the public as it is to the stockholders.

Mrs. Thomas B. Pugh, State President of the U. D. C., will be given a reception at the Opera House, to which the public is invited. Mrs. Pugh will make an address on this occasion, and as she is one of our State's most gifted daughters, and a pleasing, instructive and entertaining speaker, a rich treat is in store for all who attend. Admission free.

STORE FOR RENT—A centrally located business stand on Main street, under the COURIER Printing Office. Possession given immediately. Apply at the COURIER Office.

FOR SALE—A second-hand Acme oil engine, one-horse power, in good order, will be sold cheap. Apply at this office.

School Matters.

The following is a copy of the annual report of the Parish Treasurer to the State Superintendent of Public Education, showing the receipts and disbursements of the public school funds for the year 1902:

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| To balance on hand Dec. 31, 1901..... | \$ 76 20 |
| To receipts since: | |
| Current school fund..... | \$12,986 74 |
| Full tax..... | 7,346 00 |
| Police Jury..... | 8,000 00 |
| Rest of school lands..... | 230 10 |
| Interest on 10th Sections..... | 1,807 20 |
| All other sources..... | 1,255 65 |
| Total receipts for year..... | \$32,125 99—\$32,125 99 |
| Teachers' pay..... | \$24,237 50 |
| Books and repairs..... | 58 25 |
| Superintendent's salary..... | 930 00 |
| Treasurer's commission..... | 607 18 |
| Assessor's..... | 595 85 |
| Tax Collector's..... | 317 20 |
| All other expenditures..... | 808 28 |
| Total disbursements..... | \$27,732 46—\$27,732 46 |
| By balance on hand Dec. 31, 1902..... | \$ 4,393 53 |

These are interesting figures, and the fact that the Parish School Board has not given the public any figures at all of late makes them still more interesting. Probably the most interesting item, however, is that giving the commission paid the treasurer, amounting to the sum of \$667. The rate of commission paid seems to be about 2 1/2 per cent, though the President and Superintendent, who signed the warrants therefor, protested at last week's meeting, when the matter was first inquired into, that they did not know what the rate was. They simply signed, and remembered nothing more. As these claims are not submitted to the Board—though they should be—it will be seen at once how carefully and in what a business-like manner the Board and its officers handle the school funds in their charge.

At this week's meeting the assistant or acting treasurer, Capt. —beg pardon—Major Thompson sent word to the Board that the rate charged was 2 1/2 per cent, and that in his opinion the reduced rate of about 1 1/4 per cent fixed by the State Board of Education in 1901 did not apply and could not lawfully be enforced until 1904. Some good lawyers, we understand, entertain a different view. The Board took no action, however.

At this week's meeting, also, a strong pressure was brought to bear upon the Board to raise the salaries of the four or five \$40 teachers in the St. Landry High School to \$50 per month. This was to be expected, since the Board last week raised the lowest salaries in the Washington school to \$45 and \$50 per month. But, inasmuch as the funds to the credit of this ward are only sufficient to run the schools therein seven months, and it will be necessary to pass the hat around again this year to raise the money for one whole month's salaries—if we are to have an eight months' term in Opelousas and throughout the first ward—the request had to be denied; though several of the country members manifested a willingness to make the raise, and thereby reduce the first ward's funds so that even a seven months' term would be still further shortened.

As happened last year, several wards have to their credit, under the pro rata distribution, more funds than necessary to run their schools eight, nine and ten months while others have only enough to run theirs five, six and seven. This condition should not be endured; and Mr. L. A. Sandoz, the 1st ward member, made an earnest and impassioned appeal to the Board to change it, since it is understood that the law as it now stands does not absolutely require the pro rata distribution. The Board refused. Hence, existing inequalities and abuses will continue to exist, and, we fear, more of them will continue to crop out.

The warehouse and stock of goods of the St. Landry Wholesale Mercantile Co., Ltd., was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday morning at about one o'clock. It was situated in the western limits of town, and before the alarm was given the fire was too far advanced to save anything, although our fire department was promptly on hand and done excellent work in putting out what was left of the burned stock and protecting adjoining property. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is said to be about \$12,000; insured for about \$9,000.

Mr. E. L. Tobin, representing the New Orleans Picayune, was in town this week in the interest of that excellent paper. The main purpose of his visit was to secure photographs of a number of Opelousas' prominent boys and girls to be printed in the Picayune of the 25th inst., on which day the "Frog Circus" will exhibit here. Don't fail to get the Picayune of the 25th—it will delight the children.

Opelousas Carnival Association.

The executive committee of the Carnival Association met Monday at 4 p. m., and elected Raymond Breaux president, Aaron Jacobs secretary, and appointed the following committees:

- To Secure Location to Build Floats—H. D. Lacour, F. L. Sandoz.
- To Secure Persons to Occupy Positions on Floats, Horseback, Act as King, Marshal, Etc.—E. Charvillat, Jonas Ross.
- To Collect and Solicit Further Subscription and Act as Treasurer—H. E. Estorge, L. Desmarais, Jr., M. L. Sworis.
- To Induce M. H. A. Fire Company and Private Citizens to Participate—A. J. Breaux, Jonas Ross.
- On Advertising and Printing—Aaron Jacobs, Mason McBride.
- On Music—F. J. Thompson, Phil L. Asher.
- To Secure Mules and Horses for Floats—J. G. Lawler, Jos. O. Chachere, Diomed Durio, Joe M. Rossini.
- To Secure Male Leaders—L. J. Bousmann, E. K. Walker.

It was resolved that a permanent organization be entered into and that all subscribers towards this parade shall be considered members, and it shall be known as the Opelousas Carnival Association. The present officers and committees are to act until others are chosen.

It was resolved also that all bills must be approved by the proper committee, the chairman to issue a warrant signed by himself and the secretary against the treasurer for the amounts. Adjourned to meet every Monday at 4 p. m. at the Mayor's office.

Through inadvertence we failed to mention one of the prominent social events of the New Year season in our last paper. We refer to the delightful occasion when Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Bienvenu entertained their friends and neighbors at supper, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31st. There were twenty-two guests present, and all will remember with great pleasure the events of that evening spent in the hospitable home of their host and hostess. An excellent supper was served, the table being covered with delicious edibles of all kinds, and the new year had well commenced before the numerous guests departed. It is needless to say that the reputation of the host and hostess as entertainers has not suffered in the estimation of all who were favored with an invitation.

Mrs. Dr. J. Richard entertained quite a number of her young friends at her beautiful home in Leonville on Tuesday last. Among those who were present were Miss Lucille Riehl of Washington, Misses Helen and Mary Cain, Nina Sandoz, Josie Ogden, Pauline Mizzi, Ida Robin; Messrs. Douglas and Mortimer Cain, G. Cuntz, A. Lahave, A. Stolly, E. J. Robin, J. F. Dezauche, M. R. Begnaud, Charles Guidroz, J. C. Begnaud. Delicious refreshments and "gumbo" were served, being much enjoyed by all. At a very late hour the crowd dispersed, each satisfied with a delightful evening's enjoyment.

Rev. J. M. Yingling, pastor of the Bedford Street M. E. Church, Cumberland, Md., says: "It affords me great pleasure to recommend Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it and know others who have never known it to fail." For sale by all druggists and dealers in patent medicines.

\$500 to Loan
On real estate first mortgage security. Property must be worth at least double the amount of the loan, and be located in Opelousas or near by. For particulars apply at this office.

"The nicest and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Craig, of Middlegrove, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not gripe or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by all druggists and dealers in patent medicines.

For a bad taste in the month take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price 25c. Warranted to cure. For sale by all druggists and dealers in patent medicines.

Felix Williams will keep always supplied with fresh fish and oysters. Oysters cooked in every style or on the half-shell. Saloon on Main street, opposite Mr. D. Roos' residence.

Fred L. Sandoz has just received a car-load of rice, including choice head rice and other grades, which he will sell at special low prices.

Mr. Julien Claude, of Washington, was attending the session of the U. S. Court here Monday.

Miss Gertrude Sandoz spent most of last week in Iota with her sister, Mrs. Geo. Wright.

For Sale. A young creole horse, apply at this office.

A. P. LEDOX & CO.,

Landry Street, near the Railroad, A. B. Chachere's old stand.
DEALERS IN—
Pine Wines & Liquors, Cigars, Tobacco, &c.,
INCLUDING THE BEST BRANDS, SUCH AS
Red Top, Monogram, Woodland and Old Colony Rye, Treasury Stock, Stone Wall, Green River and other popular brands.
Also Zinfandel Nos. 1 and 2—which are fine table Wines, White Wines.
In fact everything in the line of choice liquors.
A polite corps of experienced clerks and assistants will be ready to serve you day and night. Jug and Flask Trade a Specialty.
Berthel Phone No. 115. Jan. 17, 1903.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

Now Everything Goes at Cost
Except the Tulane Shoe.

Commencing Monday, Jan. 12 until Feb. 1

Ladies' Capes and Jackets, Misses' Jackets, Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes, Dress Goods, Silks, Laces and Embroideries, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Hats and Shirts, Etc.

All Goods will Positively be Sold at Cost.
These Prices for CASH only.

Yours for Bargains, **JOS. FIRNBERG.**

SHERIFF'S SALE.

E. M. BOAGNI vs. JOS. DUGAS, Secy., et al.
No. 17908.
DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale, issued out of the Honorable E. L. Sandoz, District Court of the Parish of St. Landry, in and for the parish of St. Landry, in the above entitled and numbered suit, and to me directed, I have seized and will proceed to sell at public auction, at the court house of the parish of St. Landry, in the town of Opelousas, in the parish of St. Landry, on

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at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

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PUBLIC SALE.

DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY, STATE OF LOUISIANA.
ESTATE OF MARY BERTHA MECHE, Natural Tutor.

By virtue of an order of the Honorable the Sixteenth Judicial District Court of Louisiana, holding sessions in and for the Parish of St. Landry, there will be sold at public auction, at the court house of the parish of St. Landry, in the town of Opelousas, in the parish of St. Landry, Louisiana, on

Tuesday, January 27, 1903,
at 11 o'clock a. m., the following described property, to-wit:

1—Two hundred and forty acres and 20/100, being that part situated on the west side of Bayou Cocodrie, in Section 22, Township 24 N., Range 10 E., and 2 1/2 of Section 23, Township 24 N., Range 10 E., containing six acres and 80/100, and 2 1/2 of Section 24, Township 24 N., Range 10 E., containing six acres and 80/100.

2—Two hundred and forty acres and 20/100, being that part situated on the west side of Bayou Cocodrie, in Section 22, Township 24 N., Range 10 E., and 2 1/2 of Section 23, Township 24 N., Range 10 E., containing six acres and 80/100, and 2 1/2 of Section 24, Township 24 N., Range 10 E., containing six acres and 80/100.

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